

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ~ DISTRICT 66

Board of Education Meeting ~ November 7, 2022

The Board of Education of School District 66 was convened in an open and public session on November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office - ABC Building - 909 S. 76th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Board members present: Meagan Van Gelder, President
Beth Morrisette, Vice President
Kris Karnes, Secretary
Dana Blakely, Treasurer
Adam Yale, Treasurer-Elect

Board members absent (excused): Doug Krenzer, Director

Notice of the meeting was given by placing advance notice on the front page of the District's website no less than 48 hours in advance of the scheduled commencement of the meeting as authorized by Board Policy 1220. Notice for this meeting appeared beginning on October 19, 2022, and appeared continuously up through the start of this board meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Record on November 4 and 7, and on their website. Copies of proof of publication are attached to the official minutes. Notice of this meeting and the availability of the agenda was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Education and available to anyone at the Board of Education office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

District Staff in Attendance: Mike Lucas, Mark Weichel, Andrea Haynes, Brian Gabriel, Molly Hurley, Nick Lesiak, Kami Jessop, Kelcy Tapp, Robert Aranda, Theresa Gosnell, Leon Micek, Sandra Fey, Jordan Rhodes, Michelle Patterson.

Others in Attendance*: Laura Erkes, Corey Erkes, Emilie Erkes, Jayden Wall, Diane Cahill. *Members of the public are not required to identify themselves to attend. Attendee names appearing in these minutes are those who signed a voluntary sign-in sheet.

Dr. Van Gelder called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. She welcomed those in attendance and confirmed with Ms. Hurley that public notice had been given of the meeting under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted at the meeting and on the district website, as required by law. She acknowledged that the meeting had been publicly announced and the agenda was available to any interested parties. Board member attendance is noted above; Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion for an excused absence for Doug Krenzer. Ms. Blakely moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on October 18, 2022. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Communications

Ms. Brandi Paul, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, welcomed a number of students for recognition: Miss Maggie Wadginski, a senior, who will be competing in the Miss Nebraska Outstanding Teen competition in June 2023; Miss Emilie Erkes, a Prairie Lane 5th grader and her 4th grade Teacher Mr. Leon Micek, for her outstanding achievement in math skills; Mr. Charlie Mays, a Sunset Hills 5th grader and his 4th grade Teacher Ms. Carol Vogel, for his incredible achievement in reading; and the WHS Cross Country team and their coach, Ms. Theresa Gosnell, for their outstanding season this year, and bringing home the district's first 1st-Runner-Up finish (girls) at the state competition.

Career and Technical Education Content Standards

Dr. Mark Weichel, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the Career and Technical Education (CTE) content standards for board approval. Adopted by the Nebraska Department of Education in December 2021, CTE content standards are updated every five years to align with workforce trends. Teams of teachers at Westside Middle and Westside High Schools have been working to ensure revised standards are incorporated into our curriculum. The primary area of these revisions for WCS is in the Family and Consumer Sciences department at WHS. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board meeting documents folder.

Personnel Report

Dr. Andrea Haynes, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Business Operations, presented the personnel report (two probationary contracts; one certified staff retirement; one certified staff resignation) for board approval. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Personnel Report is included in the board documents folder.

Board Policies for Approval

Mr. Nick Lesiak, District In-House Legal Counsel, presented the following two existing policies for board approval. Both policies were previously presented for discussion and consideration at the Board of Education Meeting on October 18, 2022. Redline copies of each policy and the Executive Summary are included in the board documents folder.

#3180 - Bonding (Business) - Recommended for elimination

Policy #3180 is being recommended for elimination. The information contained in policy #3180 is outlined in Policy #1160 - Organization and Officers (Board of Education). Ms. Morrisette moved for approval; Ms. Karnes seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#3240 - Audit (Business) - Revisions

Mr. Lesiak presented minor language revisions to existing board policy #3240 for approval. Mr. Yale moved for approval; Ms. Blakely seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Board Policy 1170 - Committees of the Board - Formation of new Temporary Committee

Mr. Lesiak presented for board approval the formation of a new temporary committee - Litigation Committee - for the purpose of meeting with the District's outside legal counsel to discuss issues related to ongoing litigation involving the District. Ms. Blakey moved for approval of the formation of the Litigation Committee - a Temporary Board Committee - and the appointment of Ms. Karnes, Mr. Krenzer and Ms. Morrisette to serve on this committee through June 12, 2023; Mr. Yale seconded. Ms. Karnes moved that Ms. Blakely's motion be amended to include the ratification of any discussions, decisions, etc. the Litigation Committee may have undertaken to date. Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Executive Summary is included in the board documents folder.

Student School Year Calendars - 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

Dr. Lucas presented the student school year calendars for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 for board approval. Dr. Lucas has met with his calendar committee, composed of staff and parents, over the past two months to reaffirm preferred calendar parameters ("non-negotiables"), as well as requirements under Rule 10 and parameters outlined in the negotiated agreement with the Westside Education Association. He expressed his appreciation to those who served on the committee and for their valuable input to the discussions. Ms. Karnes moved for approval; Ms. Morrisette seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Copies of the Executive Summary and school-year calendars are included in the board documents folder.

Public Comment: There were no requests for public comment.

Board Member Representation / Legislative Updates / Announcements

The Board was represented at a number of events over the past two weeks, including the WCS Lighthouse Leader / Alumni Association Hall of Fame Dinner; the State Education Leaders Visit to WCS; Board Policy Review Committee Meeting; WE-SIDE Committee Meeting; and building walk-throughs at WMS and WHS. Dr. Lucas advised that he received positive feedback from those who attended the State Education Leaders Visit to the district. Next week, Dr. Lucas, Dr. Haynes, Dr. Weichel and Dr. Van Gelder will be presenting at the State Education Conference.

Dr. Van Gelder reviewed the following dates and upcoming events:

Nov. 16-18, 2022	State Education Conference - CHI Center
November 21, 2022	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm - ABC
Nov. 23-25, 2022	Thanksgiving Break - No School
December 12, 2022	BOE Student Advisory Committee - 5:00 pm - ABC
	Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 pm - ABC
December 22, 2022 thru January 4, 2023	Winter Break - No School

District Legal Matters

Dr. Van Gelder advised that this next item on the agenda is for consideration of information from legal counsel regarding pending district litigation and that discussion of these matters in closed session is necessary and permitted by law. Dr. Van Gelder requested a motion to enter a closed session.

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Ms. Blakely moved that the Board enter closed session to discuss pending litigation and to receive and discuss legal advice from the District's attorney, both of which are clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain the attorney-client privilege. Motion was seconded by Mr. Yale and carried by unanimous roll-call vote. Dr. Van Gelder advised that the board would enter closed session to discuss pending litigation and to receive and discuss legal advice from the District's attorney, both of which are clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain the attorney-client privilege. The Board will limit itself to discussion of these issues. The board entered closed session at 6:50 p.m. The board came out of closed session at 7:14 p.m. There being no further business, Dr. Van Gelder adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.



Kris Karnes, Secretary, Board of Education

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NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Meeting for the Westside Community School District 66, Douglas County, in the State of Nebraska, to be held **Monday, November 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** at the District Office, 909 S. 76th St., Omaha, NE. An agenda, continually kept current, is available at the District Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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